**Introduction**

Before jumping into the changes or features of Java, I first would like to tell you a bit about Java 8. It was released in March 2014 and is currently being used by a vast number of developers. After more than 9 years, it's still a majorly used version. Why? The answer is, it provided many out-of-the-box features which were not supposed by a Java developer.

*Lambdas, streams, functional programming, extensive API extensions, etc*

After that Java 9 was released 3 years later in September 2017 but with very minimal changes. A new HTTP client, process API, minor diamond operator, etc.

Now coming to Java 17, it was released in November 2021 after 8 years of Java 8 with amazing features. Finally, a good time to leave Java 8. Why so? We’ll find the answer to this question in further discussion.

**Java 8 to Java 17**

Here we’ll cover the features which I think are important and interesting to use.

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